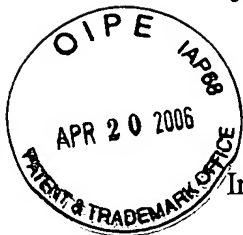


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FIFTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is to submit documents cited in the March 20, 2006 Final Rejection in the Japanese priority Application No. 2003-169819. A copy of the Action is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, *inter alia*, in the enclosed English language translations thereof.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if such a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge it to Deposit Account 06-1205. Any overpayment should be credited to the same Deposit Account.

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